

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A system for automatically configuring reinstall information to a computer, said system comprising:

a server for storing user computers' images and their updates and at least one user computer having a user configuration of a user operating system and at least one application program;[[,]]

a computer-readable storage medium;

first means for storing on said server the parameters of said user configuration, where said first means is stored on said computer-readable storage medium;

a set of backup non-specific copies, stored on said server dedicated to storing user computers' images and their updates, of a set of operating systems, including said user operating system, and a set of application programs, including said at least one application program;

means for accessing said back up non-specific copies of operating systems, including said user operating system, and a set of application programs, including said at least one application program, where said means for accessing is stored on said computer-readable storage medium;

and

second means for restoring said user configuration by copying said operating system, and a set of application programs, including said at least one application program from said set of backup non-specific copies to said user computer in accordance with the parameters of said user configuration, where said second means is stored on said computer-readable storage medium;

wherein, said first means for storing said user configuration parameters further monitors and records user choices during an installation process of installing said user configuration and overrides user choices according to predetermined parameters on said user configuration,

and further monitors and records incremental changes and modifications to said user configuration ~~over~~ for the life time of said user configuration and overrides user choices according to predetermined parameters of said user configuration; and further,

migrates a current computer to a new computer, based on said recorded user choices and said incremental changes and modifications information collected and saved, said migrating, including installing the newest versions of computer programs, ~~utilities and vendor interfaces from the Internet~~ or from said server dedicated to storing user computers' images and their updates and overrides user choices according to predetermined parameters of said user configuration.

2. -14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently Amended) An article of manufacture comprising a computer-readable storage ~~medium-usable medium~~ having computer readable program code means embodied therein comprising:

means for performing a method for operating a system for automatically configuring reinstall information comprising a server for storing user computers' images and their updates and at least one user computer having a user configuration of a user operating system and at least one application program, said method comprising ~~the steps of:~~

storing on said server the parameters of said user configuration;

storing a set of backup non-specific copies, stored on said server dedicated to storing user computers' images and their updates of a set of operating systems, including said user operating system, and a set of application programs, including said at least one application program, accessing said copies and restoring said user configuration by copying said operating system, and a set of application programs, including said at least one application program from said server dedicated to storing user computers' images and their updates to said user computer in accordance with the parameters of said user configuration,

wherein, said method further comprises means for monitoring and recording user choices during an installation process installing said user configuration and overrides user choices according to predetermined parameters of said user configuration,

and further monitoring and recording incremental changes and modifications to said user configuration over the life time of said user configuration and overrides user choices according to predetermined parameters of said user configuration; and further,

migrating a current computer to a new computer, based on said recorded user choices and said incremental changes and modifications information collected and saved, said migrating, including installing the newest versions of computer programs, ~~utilities and vendor interfaces from the Internet~~ or from the said server dedicated to storing user computers' images and their updates and overrides user choices according to predetermined parameters of said user configuration.

16. – 21. (Cancelled)